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Re: Nighthawk Gold Corp. – Engagement Plan Version 4.1 – Land Use Permit W2021C009, Water Licence W2021L2-0004 and W2021L2-0005 – Indin Lake Gold Project, NT

Dear Ms. Jokela,

The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB) issued Type A Land Use Permit W2021C0009 and Type A Water Licences W2021L2-0004 (non-federal) and W2021L2-0005 (federal) to Nighthawk Gold Corporation (Nighthawk) for the Indin Lake Gold Project on 13 January 2023. Nighthawk is submitted the enclosed Version 4.1 of the Engagement Plan to the WLWB for approval in accordance with Part B, Condition 21 of W2021L2-0004 and W2021L2-0005, and the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits*, the MVLWB *Engagement and Consultation Policy*, and the Weghàà Eleyatits'eedi: Tłjcho Government *Guidelines for Proponents of Development*.

The enclosed plan and cover letter include the following per the Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley *Document Submission Standards* (February 2023):

1. Revision History Table (provided in the front section of the Engagement Plan)
2. Conformity table for direction provided by the WLWB (Table 1 below)

Nighthawk has engaged the Tłjchq Government, the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB), the North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA), the Government of Northwest Territories, and Environment and Climate Change Canada in advance of this submission, and incorporated revisions based on their preliminary comments.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John McBride
Vice President Exploration



Table 1: Conformity Table for Direction from the WLWB

Requirement	Section of this Plan
<p>In response to the Tłıchǫ Government's Intervention recommendation, Nighthawk agreed to update the Engagement Plan to include information regarding notification and consultation with the Tłıchǫ Government Manager of Research Operations (or designate) regarding discovery of any artifacts, heritage sites, or burial sites, and prior to moving any artifacts or disturbing ground within 150 m of burial site.</p>	<p>Section 2.0 Table 2</p>



INDIN LAKE GOLD PROJECT

ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Version 4.1

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REVISION HISTORY

The table below is a revision history table that outlines the revisions made by Nighthawk to this document.

Version	Date	Section	Summary of Changes
2.0	September 2018	All	Submitted with applications for W2018L2-0002, W2018L2-0003, W2018C0007, W2018X0006.
3.0	October 2018	Appendix A	Engagement Record updated to include evidence of pre-submission engagement with potentially affected parties, following direction from the WLWB dated 9 October 2018.
3.1	February 2019	Section 2.0	Added list of parties consulted with respect to closure and reclamation activities, following direction from the WLWB in the Reasons for Decision from the Board meeting dated 24 January 2019.
		Appendix C	Added Consultation Log for closure and reclamation, following direction from the WLWB in the Reasons for Decision from the Board meeting dated 24 January 2019.
3.2	April 2019	All	Minor editorial updates throughout.
		Section 2.0	Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre removed from list of affected parties.
		Section 2.0	Two new Engagement Triggers related to the Closure and Reclamation Plan have been added for all affected parties, following direction from the WLWB in the Reasons for Decision from the Board meeting dated 24 January 2019.
4.0	June 2021	Section 1.0	Added reference to the Tłı̨cho Government Consultation and Engagement Guidelines.
		Section 2.0	Updates to Engagement Triggers in Table 1-3.
		Section 2.0	Added Table 4 with contact information for each Affected Party.
		Appendix A	Removed Appendix A, as the Engagement Record should be submitted separately as required.
		All	Minor editorial updates throughout.
4.1	June 2023	Section 1.0	Updated Nighthawk primary contact; added reference to <i>Weghàà Eleyatits'eedi: Tłı̨cho Government Guidelines for Proponents of Development</i> .
		Table 2	Added a commitment to engage with the Tłı̨cho Government if an artifact, heritage site, or burial site is discovered, applying for research permits, socio-economic matters, and miscellaneous site activities.
		Table 5	Added contact details for Manager of Research Operations, Manager of Lands Regulation and Mines Liaison Coordinator



1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document is the Nighthawk Gold Corporation (Nighthawk) Engagement Plan (the Plan) for use at the Indin Lake Gold Project (the Project). The scope of activities under the Plan encompasses camp operations at the Colomac Camp, fuel storage at the Colomac, Damoti Lake, and Diversified camps and exploration activities in the Indin Lake region in the Northwest Territories (NWT). Nighthawk is a junior gold exploration company whose primary exploration property is the Indin Lake Gold Project located in the Wek'èezhìi region of the NWT. The Wek'èezhìi region is the management area of the Tłìchǒ Government, with the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) having the wildlife co-management authority for the region as established by the Tłìcho Agreement. The Tłìchǒ Government represents the communities of Behchokǒ, Gamètì, Wekweètì, and Whatì. The North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) represents the rights of the Métis people of the Great Slave Lake area, primarily in the region north and east of Great Slave Lake, NWT.

This Plan is intended to outline Nighthawk's engagement to respectfully and effectively collaborate and inform affected parties. It was prepared following the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences (MVLWB 2014), the Land Use Permits and Engagement and Consultation Policy (MVLWB 2013), and the Weghàà Èłeyatits'eedi: Tłìcho Government Guidelines for Proponents of Development (Tłìcho Government 2022).

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) defines engagement as “the communication and outreach activities a proponent undertakes with affected parties prior to and during the operation of a project”. The level of engagement should reflect the scale, location and nature of a proposed activity (MVLWB 2014). An affected party is defined as “a party that is predicted to be affected by a proposed project, such as an Aboriginal organization/government, an individual occupying land for traditional purposes, a private landowner, or lease holder” (MVLWB 2014).

The contents of this Plan are designed to meet the requirements of the Type A Land Use Permit W2021C0009, Type A Water Licences W2021L2-0004 and W2021L2-0005, and to the specific direction provided from the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB) as outlined in Reasons for Decision for Water Licence and Land Use Permit Applications W2021L2-0004, W2021L2-0005, and W2021C0009 (dated 30 November 2022). Table 1 provides a summary of conformity with direction provided by the WLWB. Updated Engagement Records can be provided to regulatory authorities upon request.



Table 1: Conformity Table for Direction from the WLWB

Requirement	Section of this Plan
In response to the Tłıchǰ Government's Intervention recommendation, Nighthawk agreed to update the Engagement Plan to include information regarding notification and consultation with the Tłıchǰ Government Manager of Research Operations (or designate) regarding discovery of any artifacts, heritage sites, or burial sites, and prior to moving any artifacts or disturbing ground within 150 m of burial site.	Section 2.0 Table 2

Contact information for Nighthawk Gold Corp is as follows:

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2.0 AFFECTED PARTIES AND ENGAGEMENT TRIGGERS

This section summarizes the engagement triggers as well as engagement purpose and format for each of the affected parties. The affected parties for the purposes of this Engagement Plan are:

- Tłı̄chǫ Government
- Wek'èezhì Renewable Resource Board
- North Slave Métis Alliance

Nighthawk understands that engagement is a process that is ongoing through the lifetime of a project. The engagement process for this Project started in 2012 and will continue throughout the upcoming phases of the Project. Nighthawk has been and will continue to remain in contact with the affected parties, including having discussions on the format of engagement. Triggers, purpose and format of engagement with the affected parties are listed in Tables 2 to 4. Contact information is provided in Table 5.

Table 2: Engagement Triggers with the Tłı̄chǫ Government

Item No.	Engagement Trigger	Purpose(s) for Engagement	Format for Engagement ¹	Information to be Recorded
1	Land Use Permit or Water Licence application, amendment, or renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To communicate with Manager of Lands Regulation (or designate) about changes to the Land Use Permit or Water Licence • To communicate with Manager of Lands Regulation about planned reclamation activities • To explain the reason behind the application • To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding any change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone conversation • Email with stakeholder letter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record of phone call • Copy of letter distributed

¹ Format for Engagement is to initiate engagement only and will thereafter follow the guidance for extended engagement described in the Weghàà Eleyatits'eedi: Tłı̄cho Government Guidelines for Proponents of Development.



Table 2: Engagement Triggers with the Tłıchǫ Government

Item No.	Engagement Trigger	Purpose(s) for Engagement	Format for Engagement ¹	Information to be Recorded
2	Seasonal opening or closing of the Colomac exploration camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate seasonal opening or closing of the existing camp To provide an overview of the scope of the exploration program To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence Phone conversation (upon request) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of email correspondence to be retained Record of phone call (if applicable) Provide the water licence annual report including any observations, spills, or wildlife encounters.
3	Results of exploration program received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To inform of the results of Nighthawk's exploration activity To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> News release distributed via email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archive of news release
4	Semi-annual in-person update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update on Nighthawk's exploration activities To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns To build and foster relationships To invite the Resource Management Working Group to collaborate in the review of the material 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In person meeting at a location to be determined by the respective party at their request Phone conversation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of meeting materials Minutes or summary meeting
5	Non-scheduled update requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the request of the Tłıchǫ Government To provide information, receive comments, or hear concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone conversation Email correspondence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of email correspondence to be retained Record of phone call (if applicable)
6	Updates to the Closure and Reclamation Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns on the Project Closure and Reclamation Plan prior to any updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the semi-annual in person update Phone conversation Email correspondence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of meeting materials Minutes or summary meeting Copy of email correspondence to be retained
7	Damoti Final Closure and Reclamation Plan (FCRP) (1 year prior to submission to the WLWB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To notify the Tłıchǫ Government before starting the work on the Damoti FCRP To present the closure plan options, criteria and monitoring plan to the Resource Management Working Group before submission of the FCRP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence Phone conversation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of email correspondence to be retained Record of phone call (if applicable)



Table 2: Engagement Triggers with the Tłıchǫ Government

Item No.	Engagement Trigger	Purpose(s) for Engagement	Format for Engagement ¹	Information to be Recorded
8	Initiation of Damoti closure or reclamation activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate Nighthawk’s intent to begin Damoti closure and reclamation activities under an approved Final Closure and Reclamation Plan To invite the Tłıchǫ Government to a site visit after closure work is completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence Phone conversation (upon request) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of email correspondence to be retained Record of phone call (if applicable)
9	Winter road to either Colomac or Damoti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate that a winter road will be constructed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence Phone conversation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of email correspondence to be retained Record of phone call (if applicable)
10	Discovery of artifacts, heritage sites, or burial sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate with the Tłıchǫ Government Manager of Research Operations (or designate) if an artifact, heritage site, or burial site may have been discovered To consult with the Tłıchǫ Government Manager of Research Operations (or designate) prior to moving any artifacts or disturbing any ground within 150 m of a burial site To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding the findings and discuss next steps To invite the Tłıchǫ Government to a site visit to observe the finding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence Phone conversation Teleconference (upon request) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of email correspondence to be retained Record of phone call or teleconference (if applicable)
11	Research Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate to the Tłıchǫ Government, Manager of Research Operations (or their designate) when a research or archaeological permit application is being submitted To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding the permit applications and discuss next steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence Phone conversation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of email correspondence to be retained



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Item No.	Engagement Trigger	Purpose(s) for Engagement	Format for Engagement ¹	Information to be Recorded
12	Socio-economic matters, community Visits or miscellaneous site activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate to the Tłıchǫ Government, Mines Liaison Coordinator (or their designate) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence Phone conversation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of email correspondence to be retained

Table 3: Engagement Triggers with the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board

Item No.	Engagement Trigger	Purpose(s) for Engagement	Format for Engagement	Information to be Recorded
1	Land Use Permit or Water Licence application, amendment, or renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate proposed changes to the Land Use Permit or Water Licence To explain the reason behind the application To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding any change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone conversation Email with stakeholder letter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record of phone call Copy of letter distributed
2	Seasonal opening or closing of Colomac exploration camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate seasonal opening or closing of the existing camp To provide an overview of the scope of the exploration program To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence Phone conversation (upon request) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of email correspondence to be retained Record of phone call (if applicable)
3	Results of exploration program received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To inform of the results of Nighthawk's exploration activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> News release distributed via email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archive of news release
4	Semi-annual in-person update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update on Nighthawk's exploration activities To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns To build and foster relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In person meeting at a location to be determined at the party's request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of meeting materials Minutes or summary meeting
5	Non-scheduled update requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide information, receive comments, or hear concerns, at the request of the WRRB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Format shall be dependent on the situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records shall be kept in a manner appropriate for the situation
6	Updates to the Closure and Reclamation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns on the Project Closure and Reclamation Plan prior to any updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the semi-annual in person update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of meeting materials Minutes or summary meeting Copy of email correspondence to be retained



Table 3: Engagement Triggers with the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board

Item No.	Engagement Trigger	Purpose(s) for Engagement	Format for Engagement	Information to be Recorded
7	Initiation of Damoti closure or reclamation activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate Nighthawk's intent to begin Damoti closure and reclamation activities under an approved Final Closure and Reclamation Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of email correspondence to be retained Record of phone call (if applicable)

Table 4: Engagement Triggers with the North Slave Métis Alliance

Item No.	Engagement Trigger	Purpose(s) for Engagement	Format for Engagement	Information to be Recorded
1	Land Use Permit or Water Licence application, amendment, or renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate proposed changes to the Land Use Permit or Water Licence To explain the reason behind the application To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding any change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone conversation Email with stakeholder letter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record of phone call Copy of letter distributed
2	Seasonal opening or closing of the Colomac exploration camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate seasonal opening or closing of the existing camp To provide an overview of the scope of the exploration program To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence Phone conversation (upon request) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of email correspondence to be retained Record of phone call (if applicable)
3	Results of exploration program received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To inform of the results of Nighthawk's exploration activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> News release distributed via email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archive of news release
4	Semi-annual in person update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update on Nighthawk's exploration activities To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns To build and foster relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In person meeting at a location to be determined at the party's request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of meeting materials Minutes or summary meeting
5	Non-scheduled update requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide information, receive comments, or hear concerns, at the request of the NSMA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Format shall be dependent on the situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records shall be kept in a manner appropriate for the situation



Table 4: Engagement Triggers with the North Slave Métis Alliance

Item No.	Engagement Trigger	Purpose(s) for Engagement	Format for Engagement	Information to be Recorded
6	Updates to the Closure and Reclamation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns on the Project Closure and Reclamation Plan prior to any updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the semi-annual in person update Email correspondence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of meeting materials Minutes or summary meeting Copy of email correspondence to be retained
7	Initiation of closure or reclamation activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate Nighthawk's intent to begin Damoti closure and reclamation activities under an approved Final Closure and Reclamation Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence Phone conversation (upon request) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of email correspondence to be retained Record of phone call (if applicable)

Table 5: Engagement Contact Information

Organization	Contact Name	Email	Phone
Tłı̨chǫ Government	Grace MacKenzie Violet Camsell-Blondin Manager of Research Operations Manager of Lands Regulation Mines Liaison Coordinator	gracemackenzie@tliche.com violetcamsellblondin@tliche.com research@tliche.ca lands@tliche.ca N/A	(867) 766-4003 (867) 766-4003 (867) 392-6381 (867) 392-6381 (867) 766-4003
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North Slave Metis Alliance	Alan Alex	alan.alex@nsma.net	(709) 691-6471



3.0 ENGAGEMENT RECORD

A summary of all engagement undertaken for the Project based on the engagement triggers described in Section 2 is recorded in an Engagement Record. The Engagement Record includes an entry for each engagement, including the following information:

- Date of engagement
- Name of party / group
- Permitting stage
- Issue or topic of the engagement
- Resolutions, actions, comments
- The type of engagement (e.g., written notification, phone calls, emails, meetings) and relevant documents
- Attendees / individuals involved

Further to this, the Engagement Record should also include an Engagement Summary to document the discussion and resolution of issues. Engagement Summaries will be included as part of the Engagement Record as required.



4.0 REFERENCES

MVLWB (Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board). 2013. Engagement and Consultation Policy.

MVLWB 2014. Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits.

Tłıchq Government. 2022. Weghàà Eleyatits'eedi: Tłıcho Government Guidelines for Proponents of Development. Department of Culture and Lands Protection.

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